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Subpart F—Monitoring, Enforcement, Confidentiality, and Program Information

MONITORING, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, AND ENFORCEMENT

§ 300.600 State monitoring and enforcement.

- (a) The State must—
- (1) Monitor the implementation of this part;
- (2) Make determinations annually about the performance of each LEA using the categories in § 300.603(b)(1);
- (3) Enforce this part, consistent with § 300.604, using appropriate enforcement mechanisms, which must include, if applicable, the enforcement mechanisms identified in § 300.604(a)(1) (technical assistance), (a)(3) (conditions on funding of an LEA), (b)(2)(i) (a corrective action plan or improvement plan), (b)(2)(v) (withholding funds, in whole or in part, by the SEA), and (c)(2) (withholding funds, in whole or in part, by the SEA); and
- (4) Report annually on the performance of the State and of each LEA under this part, as provided in §300.602(b)(1)(i)(A) and (b)(2).
- (b) The primary focus of the State's monitoring activities must be on—
- (1) Improving educational results and functional outcomes for all children with disabilities; and
- (2) Ensuring that public agencies meet the program requirements under Part B of the Act, with a particular emphasis on those requirements that are most closely related to improving educational results for children with disabilities.
- (c) As a part of its responsibilities under paragraph (a) of this section, the State must use quantifiable indicators and such qualitative indicators as are needed to adequately measure performance in the priority areas identified in paragraph (d) of this section, and the indicators established by the Secretary for the State performance plans.
- (d) The State must monitor the LEAs located in the State, using quantifiable indicators in each of the following priority areas, and using such qualitative

indicators as are needed to adequately measure performance in those areas:

- (1) Provision of FAPE in the least restrictive environment.
- (2) State exercise of general supervision, including child find, effective monitoring, the use of resolution meetings, mediation, and a system of transition services as defined in § 300.43 and in 20 U.S.C. 1437(a)(9).
- (3) Disproportionate representation of racial and ethnic groups in special education and related services, to the extent the representation is the result of inappropriate identification.
- (e) In exercising its monitoring responsibilities under paragraph (d) of this section, the State must ensure that when it identifies noncompliance with the requirements of this part by LEAs, the noncompliance is corrected as soon as possible, and in no case later than one year after the State's identification of the noncompliance.

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§ 300.601 State performance plans and data collection.

- (a) General. Not later than December 3, 2005, each State must have in place a performance plan that evaluates the State's efforts to implement the requirements and purposes of Part B of the Act, and describes how the State will improve such implementation.
- (1) Each State must submit the State's performance plan to the Secretary for approval in accordance with the approval process described in section 616(c) of the Act.
- (2) Each State must review its State performance plan at least once every six years, and submit any amendments to the Secretary.
- (3) As part of the State performance plan, each State must establish measurable and rigorous targets for the indicators established by the Secretary under the priority areas described in §300.600(d).
- (b) Data collection. (1) Each State must collect valid and reliable information as needed to report annually to

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the Secretary on the indicators established by the Secretary for the State performance plans.

- (2) If the Secretary permits States to collect data on specific indicators through State monitoring or sampling, and the State collects the data through State monitoring or sampling, the State must collect data on those indicators for each LEA at least once during the period of the State performance plan.
- (3) Nothing in Part B of the Act shall be construed to authorize the development of a nationwide database of personally identifiable information on individuals involved in studies or other collections of data under Part B of the Act.

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§ 300.602 State use of targets and reporting.

- (a) *General*. Each State must use the targets established in the State's performance plan under §300.601 and the priority areas described in §300.600(d) to analyze the performance of each LEA.
- (b) $Public\ reporting\ and\ privacy$ —(1) $Public\ report.$
- (i) Subject to paragraph (b)(1)(ii) of this section, the State must—
- (A) Report annually to the public on the performance of each LEA located in the State on the targets in the State's performance plan as soon as practicable but no later than 120 days following the State's submission of its annual performance report to the Secretary under paragraph (b)(2) of this section; and
- (B) Make each of the following items available through public means: the State's performance plan, under §300.601(a); annual performance reports, under paragraph (b)(2) of this section; and the State's annual reports on the performance of each LEA located in the State, under paragraph (b)(1)(i)(A) of this section. In doing so, the State must, at a minimum, post the plan and reports on the SEA's Web site, and distribute the plan and reports to the media and through public agencies.

- (ii) If the State, in meeting the requirements of paragraph (b)(1)(i) of this section, collects performance data through State monitoring or sampling, the State must include in its report under paragraph (b)(1)(i)(A) of this section the most recently available performance data on each LEA, and the date the data were obtained.
- (2) State performance report. The State must report annually to the Secretary on the performance of the State under the State's performance plan.
- (3) Privacy. The State must not report to the public or the Secretary any information on performance that would result in the disclosure of personally identifiable information about individual children, or where the available data are insufficient to yield statistically reliable information.

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§ 300.603 Secretary's review and determination regarding State performance

- (a) Review. The Secretary annually reviews the State's performance report submitted pursuant to §300.602(b)(2).
- (b) Determination—(1) General. Based on the information provided by the State in the State's annual performance report, information obtained through monitoring visits, and any other public information made available, the Secretary determines if the State—
- (i) Meets the requirements and purposes of Part B of the Act;
- (ii) Needs assistance in implementing the requirements of Part B of the Act;
- (iii) Needs intervention in implementing the requirements of Part B of the Act; or
- (iv) Needs substantial intervention in implementing the requirements of Part B of the Act.
- (2) Notice and opportunity for a hearing. (i) For determinations made under paragraphs (b)(1)(iii) and (b)(1)(iv) of this section, the Secretary provides reasonable notice and an opportunity for a hearing on those determinations.
- (ii) The hearing described in paragraph (b)(2) of this section consists of